



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 297

February Session, 2014



AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFF-SITE FARM WINERY SALES AND TASTING PERMIT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Consumer Protection shall issue an off-site farm winery sales and
3 tasting permit to a holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery
4 upon the holder's submission of proof to the commissioner that the
5 holder is in compliance with the requirements of subsection (e) of
6 section 30-16 of the general statutes. An off-site farm winery sales and
7 tasting permit shall authorize the sale and offering of free samples of
8 wine manufactured from the farm winery during a total of not more
9 than seven events or functions per year held pursuant to a temporary
10 liquor permit issued pursuant to section 30-35 of the general statutes, a
11 charitable organization permit issued pursuant to section 30-37b of the
12 general statutes or a nonprofit corporation permit issued pursuant to
13 section 30-37h of the general statutes, at locations outside the
14 manufacturer permit for a farm winery holder's permit premises,
15 provided such holder: (1) Notifies the Department of Consumer
16 Protection, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
17 Protection, not less than five business days prior to the date of the
18 event or function, of the date, hours and location of each event or
19 function, (2) sells only wine by the bottle at the event or function, and
20 (3) is present, or has an authorized representative present, at the time

21 of the sale of any bottle of wine or the offering of a free sample of wine
22 from the farm winery at the event or function. An off-site farm winery
23 sales and tasting permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the
24 date of issuance. The annual fee for such permit shall be two hundred
25 fifty dollars. There shall be a one-hundred-dollar nonrefundable filing
26 fee for any such permit.

27 (b) Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or zoning
28 regulation, prohibit the sale or offering of free samples of wine by the
29 holder of an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit at an event or
30 function held in such town or municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section

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